

Available SY 2025-2026 Request for Proposal for Food Service Management Company Contracts in Child Nutrition Programs

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The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2025-2026 school year is available to Arkansas School Districts interested in procuring the services of a Food Service Management Company (FSMC) to operate the Child Nutrition Programs. All FSMC contracts must be procured using the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Child Nutrition Unit (CNU) prototype RFPs. No other documents are allowed for this procurement. Only FSMCs that are registered with state agency may submit RFPs to Arkansas districts. There are no consultant groups or partnerships operating Arkansas Child Nutrition programs. The RFP process is time sensitive and adequate time must be allowed for districts and the FSMCs to complete this process. Refer to this timeline for districts to follow. Please note the deadlines for the process. No exceptions will be made to these dates.

The RFP will be available by request from December 16, 2024, thru February 28, 2025. If you would like to request an RFP for your district, send an email request to nancy.dill@ade.arkansas.gov. Indicate if you are interested in a fixed rate or cost reimbursable contract.

See the attached "Steps in the RFP Process" and "Timeline" for the RFP process.

If you have any questions please contact Nancy Dill at 501-324-9502.

Attachments:

[SY 25-26 RFP Timeline](#)

[Quick Steps for the RFP Process](#)

